# A VAST SUM IN BUILDING

Number of Structures Erected or Projected Never Before Equalled. ...

#### A YEAR'S SPLENDID RECORD

The Character of the Buildings Revolutionized—Sky-Scrapers Getting Popular Here.

Richmond has never before, even li boom times, seen such a period of build-ing, Structures completed or begun in the twelve months ending last night rep-Fescht an expenditure of nearly two and one-half million dollars—to be as exact as possible, \$2,425,000.

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And yet no boom or spurt in building has existed, nor does any exist to-day. The vast sum invested in the improvement of real estate is the outcome of the natural—really, the foreed—growth of the city. With a conservatism for which Kichmond is well known, she has edung stolidly to her old business homes and residences. When other cities were tearing these down and creeting finer, and more convenient houses, with the all-important aim in view of saving time, Richmond resisted the impulse with complacency. But the sounds of the hammer and the saw in cities to the north and to the south have been so constant, and the tramp of progress about her so inspiring and so stirring, that her slumber in this particular has been broken. For twelve months the music of the builder's tools have been ringing in the ears of the populace as never before.

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Not only has great advance been made in the number of structures erected or in course of erection, but their character has been revolutionized.

Mordecal, in his "Richmond in By-Gone Days," says there were but one or two four-story buildings in the city in his day, and they had reached their abnormal height by the Irish process of going down, the streets having been cut down, leaving their cellars above ground. Until within the past live or ten years few buildings in the city were of more tian three stories, and the great majority were three stories high or less. To-day one structure, in course of crection at the corner of Tenth and Main Streets, will be eight stories. Yet another, the "Richmond" Hotel, at the corner of Ninth and Grace, is eight stories.

The annex to Murphy's botel is equally as high. The contract will be awarded the 15th of this month by the Mutual Assurance Society of Virginia for the erection of an office building at the corner of Ninth and Main Streets, which will be nine stories above ground on Main Street, with basement and cellar hemeath, making all told a structure of geven floors.

seven floors.

LEE DISTRICT.

While improvements have been confined to no section of the city, they have been more conspicuous in the Lee District, where no less than one hundred and twenty-five residences have been begun or completed in the past year. The average cost of each of these new homes in a new residential territy/y is certainly \$5.000, possibly more, myking the total cost, at the minimum edimate, \$25.000, tr considerably more than half a million coldure.

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treet, \$17,000.
Two three-story dwellings on Franklin rest of Jefferson, \$30,000.
Joseph W. Laube s undertaking rooms, n West Broad, \$5,000.
Two three-story houses on Broad Street, est of Jefferson, \$7,500 for the two. Beth Ahnba Synagogue, Ryland and race, \$40,000.

Grace, \$40,000.

Rosenegk Brewing Company, improvements to brewery, with enlargement,

Henris to brewery, with entargement, \$25,000, 110kok residence, improvements, \$25,000, 110kok Proceedings store on Sixth Street, between Broad and Grace, occupied by Miller and Rhoads, \$35,000. Immanuel Baptist Clurch, \$15,000, Presbyter an Publication Committee's building, on adjoining site, \$28,000, Memorial Hospital, Twelfth and Broad Streets, \$150,000. Three dwellings facing Chimborazo Park, \$12,000 for the three, Liartly Block, Louisiana Street, Fulton, \$15,000.

\$15,000, Four Kirkwood residences. Twenty-cighth and Franklin Streets, \$20,000 for the four.

R. H. Hardesty, brick dwelling facing ucherson Park, \$5,000.

Charles E. Brauer, brick dwelling facing Jefferson Park, \$6,000.

Two brick dwellings, Twenty-third and Plarshall, \$6,000 for the two.

11. Custleberg, No. 1710 East Main, \$10,000. Henry W. Rountree, factory, Broad and plays, \$25,000.

ond Hotel, Ninth and Grace, 125,000, J. M. Campbelf, Tenth and Broad, improvements, \$2,500.
T. W. Wood and Sons, seed warcheuse, hesapeako and Ohlo freight depot,

Chesapeano and September 25,000.

1 N. Jones and Sons, warehouse, \$25,000.
Whittet and Shepperson, Bighth, between Frankin and Main, \$15,000.
American National Bank, Tenth and Jain, \$15,000.
Southern Biscult Works, Fifth and Byrd,

Southern Biscult Works, Fitth and Syra, Gateski building, owned by Vhitlock estate, at corner of Eighth and Main, \$2,000. Ten stores and four qwellings, by Richmond Realty and Development Company, at corner Fifth and Main, and between Fifth and Sixth, \$3,000 for dwellings; total \$51,000. toleranter Building, Main between Fifth and Sixth, \$8,000, Virginia State Insurance Company's office, Fifth and Main, northwest corner, \$80,000.

No.000.
Tredegar Works Company, rebuilding fiter fire, \$25,000.
Apartment house, Second and Franklin, 110,000.

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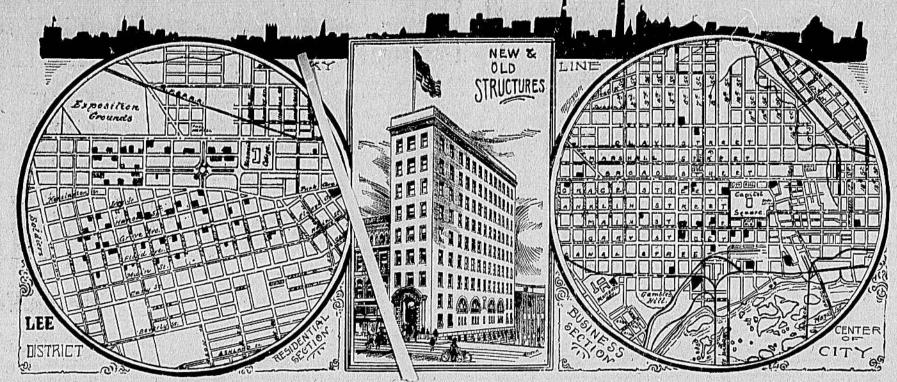
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# RICHMOND'S STREETS LITERALLY CROWDED WITH HANDSOME NEW BUILDINGS

Whole Section of the City Springs up as if by Magic, While Towering Modern Structures Change Appearance of Down-Town Sky Line. Black Squares in the Cut indicate Rows of New Residences in Lee District, While a Similar Device Shows Location of New Buildings in Business Center.

Tabb. Pollard and Bagby, Rev. J. W. Mitchell, J. H. Spicer, Rev. B. H. Melton, John T. Butler, Prof. W. A. Harris, R. B. and Stuart Bowe, Burton Mountea C. Albert Hill, M. Iseman, Arthur B. Clarke, two; R. E. Elmore, W. D. Leake, August Dietz, A. D. Wharrion, T. A. Worthington, J. L. Lamkin, Goodman, Pelix Keegan and others; 125 in number, with a total cost of \$25,000. One of the gentlemen named above has sixteen residences in the district in course of excelon, another twelve, another eight. The total value of building now in progress or recently completed, \$2,455,600.

GREAT STRUCTURES.

Structures of more than ordinary importance which will be completed thyear are the American Bank building, costing \$15,000.

Buildings of special importance, which will be begin this year, are the Mutual Assurance. Society's office building also the present site, to cost not less than \$56,000, and the First National Bank building, on the present site, to cost not less than \$56,000.

Many other improvements of equal or less importance will doubtless be begin before 1001 is over.

#### PLAY FLINCH.

One of the Pleasant Christmas Week Entertainments.

One of the most delightful of the man Christmas-week entertainments was that given Wednesday evening by Miss Lucille Lester, of West Main Street.

For several hours the guests of the charming young hostess enjoyed to the rullest extent the popular game of flinch. There was a goodly gathering of young people, whose spirits were high, and so rapidly did the time pass that they were in the last day of the old year before anyone realize it.

The parlors were decorated with Christmas evergreens, and the scene was quite a pretty one. Supper was served about eleven o'clock, a most elegant repast baving Leen prepared to tempt the appetities of the players. inristmas-week entertainments was that

## WORK OF POLICE

Several Arrests Are Made in the Second District.

John Ellis, Joe Pearman and John Currie were arrested yesterday evening on the charge of taking coal belogging to the Chesapeake and Ohio. They were carried to the Second Station.
William Little, charged with being a fugitive from Newport News, is being detailed at the Second Station.
Raymond Harrison, sugjected of having taken two overcoats belonging to other parties, is under arrest at the Second Station.

A Charming 1ea.

A charming tea was given by Dr. Robert C. Bryan yesterday afternoon in his apartments at the Chesterfield. Mrs. Ellis Taibott presided over the punch bowl. There were present, among others, Misses Branch, Travers, Berta Wellford, Sophie White, Mary Lyons, Gertle Camm, Annie Stewart, Hope, Stewart, Luia Harris, Nancy Van Wyck, of Baltimore, Evelyn Gordon, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas N. Caster Mr. and Mrs. William Todd. Mr. and Mrs. J. Stewart Bryan, Mr. and Mrs. J. St. George Bryan, Mr. and Mrs. Wynd. Randolph Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Wynd. And R. Meredith, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Tabott, Mesdames James H. Allison, John Skelton Williams, Benchan Cameron, Joseph E. Williard, A. C. Young, R. Carter Scott, Arthur Glasgow, of London; Messis, W. G. Ferguson, Dr. Charles V. Carrington, B. Stewart Humo, Joseph Bryan, Granville Gray, Arthur Travers, Carter W. Branch, W. M. Parrish, Jonathan Bryan, William Ven Wyck, of Baltimore. From 6 to 8 the guests were physicians. and Mrs. J. Stewart Bryan, Mr. and Mrs.

## Property Transfers.

nichmond: Broaddus G. Carlton and vifa to B. P. Carter, 32 feet on wert side ewenty-sixth Street, 38 feet south of G

rwenty-sixth Street, W feet south of Cotreet, 25,00.

Guy and Carson, special commissioners, Contreining-Curneal-Davis Company, 3,23 acres counded by Moore Street, Lornardy Street, proposed extension of Bowe Street, and the land of the Scabourd Railway Company, Mozelle Owens, and Lias acres, bounded by the lands of the Vietnine Meet Juice Company, by Christian Country, and Lias acres, bounded by the lands of the Vietnine Meet Juice Company, by Christian Country, and Lias acres, bounded by the lands of the Virginia Lino University and Lombardy and Henrico Streets, 35,600.

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Literate, 15 feet on north side of Moore Street, northeast corner Harrison Street, 3,600.

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\$500. Itensico: William Lawrence/Voelker and Micros Clifton S. Sharpe, 74.37 acres south of White Oak Swamp, about 14 miles cast of Richmond, \$3.0.

## Clay Street League.

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Mr. T. MeN. Simpson, Jr., will address the regular Friday devotional niest of the Glay Street Epworth, League this ovening at 8 o'clock.

Mr. T. Minnson, is the oldest son of Fev. This of the clay Street Church, He is a graduite of Randolph Macon College, and is now at the University of Virginia. A cordial welcome is extended to all.

# YEAR WITH TOBACCO MEN

The Trade Is Hopeful of Better Things Soon to Come.

#### ACTIVITY OF INDEPENDENTS

General Volume of the Business Said to be on the Up-grade.

In reviewing the past year on the toacco market and giving expectations for the coming one, it may be interest for the coming one, it may be interesting to give a brief review of the conditions existing in the different species of
tobacco in which the trade of our city is
interested. In bright tobacco the very
high prices prevailing early for the 1902
crop were followed by some lower values:
later in the season, but not sufficiently
marked to prevent the farmers from
planting a large crop in 1903. The yield
per acre for the 1903 crop was so large
that the amount went far beyond all calculations, and thus there has been acculations, and thus there has been cumulated quite a good stock of that year's growth, but on very deplenished holdings.

while the planting for 1903 was large, yet the seasons were not favorable, and the result was a much thinner leaf and a considerable failing off in pounds than there would have been otherwise.

The prices at which the 1903 crop started were very low, especially the early sales in the Southern section, known as the new belt of North Carolina and South Carolina, which produces the highest color. These low prices attracted competetion from so amy that values have gradually hardened, until now they are considerably above those at which the crop started; but it has enabled many to reduce their averages in the older crop, and others to accumulate good stocks at prices that appear very cheap, and no doubt opened up channels of trade that for some years have been closed on account of higher prices. The inauguration of this low level of values brought out strong protests from the farmers, resulting in meetings all over the bright producing sections, with addresses from leading spirits, urging farmers to reduce their tobacco crop by diversifying their farm products—most generally urging a lifty per cent, reduction. The new belt of North Carolina and South Carolina, being the first to sell, felt most keenly the great difference in prices, as compared with last season, and as this section is originally a cotton one, the very high price of cotton will no doubt be an additional incentive for reducing the acreage of tobacco, and as this section produces now about forty per cent, of the entire bright crop (estimated at 250 to 275 million pounds), a considerable reduction will enter very largely into the aggregate.

In what is known as the old belt bright section of 'Virginia and North Carolina the same missionary work has been done by farmers' conventions, but not so large a percentage of this crop has been marketed, and the reduction will enter very largely in the aggregate.

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continue. The general volume of the business of

some evidence of what a factor the to-bucco business is in making up the volume of one city's business. Every hoxs-head and all the losse tobacco has to be handled several times before it either is turned out the finished manufactured ar-ticle or put in shape to be reshipped, and addies to the volume of business dum by adding to the volume of business done by

the railroads.

In addition to the vast army of persons earning a livelihood by handling this tobacco is to be aded the items of insurance and business done through the banks in conection therewith.

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On the Richmond market at present in carried by one merchant a large and well assorted stock of tobacco of unexcelled quality and everything points to a grand business in their line.

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Our manufacturers all expect a largery increased and active business, and one of the brightest indications of the prosperity of our trade is the only decided decreased business of individual manufacturing firms, the great majority of which obtain their supplies of tobacco from our merchants, and everything points to an increasement, the new year on the yerr improvement the new year on the very improvement, the new year off the very good business of the last.

The trend of events now surely point to every opportunity being offered for the success of individual effort to a much greater degree than has existed for some ime, and nowhere does these opportu

ties present themselves in a more favor-able way than to the members of the

#### tobacco trade of the city of Richmond. TOBACCO INSPECTION.

Annual Report Issued Last Night by Captain Bridges.

The annual report of Captain Bridges inspector of the Richmond Tobacco Trade war issued last night. It is as follows: Receipts for month of Dec., 1903 702 Delivertes for month of Dec., 1903 .... Receipts for three months end

ing Dec. 31st, 1903 ...... Deliveries for three months end-hand Dec. 31st, 1903.........4,882 Stock of uninspected tobacco on hand Dec. 31st, 1903 .....5,473 Total stock on hand Dec. 31st.

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# POSTOFFICE BUSY.

Annual Report Shows Large In-

crease in Business. The year just closed was a busy and prosperous one with the Richmond post-office. Every department shows substandal growth

The money order business amounted to \$808,074, showing an increase of 7 per cent, over 1902.
The number of pieces of mail handled in the registry division, 729,198, an increase of 25 per cent, over 1992.

The receipts from the say of stamps, stc., was \$302,255.59, an increase of 8½ per cent, over the year 1992.

The increase in ordinary mails was 9

# THE TRADE

Manufacturers and Jobbers Generally Seem to be Hopeful.

ESTIMATED INCREASE

Said That the Trade Generally Will Show an Advance of Five to Ten Per Cent,

At the opening of the New Year th manufacturers and jobbers of Richmond are willing to be content with the fruit of the past twelve months, and are en couraged to believe that the future holds forth bright promises for all lines o

The circumstances that have tended t this section have been at work here, bu on the whole the conditions are most gratifying. All was not what it migh have been, but the general averaging up bears comparison with former times. loss at one side is met by a gain at the other; depressions in one line of ness is counteracted by unusual activity ness is counteracted by unusual activity in another; the removal of a firm by failure or retirement is offset by the entrance upon the field of a new one, prepared to occupy the place of the old. On the whole, therefore, the balance has been very well maintained. The trade as a whole may be said to have pushed ahead of 1992, and to be still pushing. A conservative man in a position that gives him an outlook over the whole situation estimates that a general rounding up would show an increase of from five to ten per cent.

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As a general thing a feeling of great hopefulness prevails. Houses crowded with business see signs of still greater prosperity to come, and are entering upon the 1904 trade with confidence. The slight affliction of the market has passed over with no signal or serious effects, over with no signal or serious of and the coming months will be f the brim of the best things in the

of trade.
GENERAL CONDITIONS GOOD. 1,776.615 If some concerns have remained stationseem to be in a very satisfication, seem to be in a very satisfication ary, or even fallen back a step, others have pushed ahead and make report of a better year's work than over. The low prices on tobaceo have had a very considerable and widespread effect, and farmers everywhere are beginning to turn their hands to other things. On the other hand, cotton is very high and easily checkmates the retrograde movement in the weed. The bank clearings are averaging, as indicators of what is going on. Every bank is prosperous. The clearings are the thermometer of the trade. They register a high degree for the past year.

There have been unusually few failures. Little mushroom concerns are diving under every now and then, but they amount to nothing, and do not offset the trade one way or the other.

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As a general thing, the manufacturers close their books with a slight advance over the year preceding, and with every outlook for the new year.

The different industries represented in Richmond—chemicals, wheel-works, cedar works, etc., etc.—are said to be generally doing a good business. Some of the plants are rushed with work. Others are doing a good, steady business; some have been

forced to cularge their facilities. All seem cheerful and hopeful.
This latter is particularly the case with

This latter is parlicularly the case with the tebacco men. White the leaf men are rather depressed over the crop conditions the manufacturers are enjoying an undoubted period of prosperity. During the year the trust has burchased two big plants—the T. C. Williams factory and Dutler & Beshor—and all are doing a Leavyweight business. A feature of the trade, however, is the manner in which the independents are pulling up. These independents, sometimes to their own surprise, are enjoying a period of prosperity, the like of which they have not known in years. Enlargement of plants has occasionally been necessary, as witness the case of the Patterson Company, which has nearly doubled its capacity.

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THE JOBSING TRADE.

Such information as is obtainable, gives to the jobbing trade for the year a good name, and for the future a good

Richmond continues to do the largest

Richmond continues to do the largest shoe business of any city in the South. Some time ago Atlanta disputed her claim, but was ignominiously proven at fault. The local shoe business greatly exceeds that of Atlanta or any other city this side of Mason and Dixon's line. Increased facilities give to the firms in this great business last year a larger volume of trade than ever.

The grocery business averages up welk considering all things. The trade has lost several prominent buyers, but those still on the market report an increased output. There will be no josses here.

The dry goods and notions business will critainly show no decrease; more probably a slight advance. The places of reliring firms have been taken by new ones. Mosby, Wikkinson and Anderson are gradually selling off their stock and will retire. A new firm, Junius R. Riddick & Co., notions, will start up in a few days. The dry goods firms on the The dry goods firms on the few days. market are doing a great business, and believe there are large opportunities for

The hardware stores are also reported to be in excellent condition from every point of view. The business in this line iron p.ping, machinery, etc.—is generally said to be very good.

## FAIRMOUNT NEWS.

Miss Lizzie Gaulding is in Bucklingham William Henry Mitchell and family are Broad Street Bank stock...... Mrs. Nettle Newberry is visiting in Bal-

MIR. Willie Oxenham will direct the music at the Methodist Church until a new chorister is elected.

Air. Edward Miller, of Philadelphia, is visiting the family of Mrs. Mary Miller, Mrs. Polycape and Miss Nolic Glemiett yesterday for Amella county.

Airs. Physical Bondles has returned from a visit to Hanover county.

Aliss Inlians Smith is spending the holidays at Old Point, Hamplon and Newport News

for Caroline county.

Miss Julia England left Wednesday for inhover county.

Willia Millie is visiting relatives in

Hanover county, Willie Millie is visiting relatives in Charksville.

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Alliss Nannie Bullock, of Caroline county, will be the guest of her sister, Mrs. Edward Perdue to -morraw.

Little Perdue, who has been quite ill with pneumonia, is somewhat improved, Anster Jim Elliton is conjued to the nouse by indiscosition, arr. Joshua Clements is quite ill.

Allist Marchan Will leave in a few days for Newport News.

Walter P. Pohlig, formerly of Richmond, but who has been in New York city for several months, is visiting his gister, Mrs. C. H. Germelman.

Resers. George and Oscar Adams have returned from a visit to friends at Gladsone.

stone, dennic England, who has been spending the holidays with his mother, left for Baltimore yesterday.

John Richardson will leave shortly for Hinton, W. Va.

Mrs. W. W. Pendleton is spending the holidays with her parents, near Oakland, Louisa, county. louisa county.

Charity begins at home; so also ought the patromage of local institutions. This Virginia State should not be forgotten in this connection. A. F. HULCHER, So-licitor.

# MILLIONS OF DOLLARS

A Vast Sum Is to be Distributed in Richmond in Dividends.

# TO BE OVER THREE MILWIONS

Heretofore the Sum Paid Out at This Season Has Been About Two Millions.

in Richmond, chiefly in dividends and interest, the earnings of the capital invested in Virginia bonds, Richmond city, bonds, Richmond financial institutions and railroads, much of the stock of which is held here.

vast sum of \$3,451,678 will be distributed

which is held here.
Heretofore the sum paid in interest
and dividends has been approximately
two millions. The vast increase is duechiefly to the interesting circumstance
that the common stock of the Atlantic
Coast Line Railroad Company has been
increased from \$11,800,200 to \$36,150,000, and
the rate of interest from three per cent,
to five per cent.

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Debt of the State of Jan., 1904. Virginia: Century bonds, registered 3 \$148,873 Century bonds, coupon... 3 121,578 Riddleberger bonds, reg-

Debt of the city of Richmond: 

State Bank of Virginia.... National Bank of Virginia. City Bank of Richmond.... City Bank of Richmond.....
Planters National Bank...
Union Bank of Richmond...
Merchants National Bank...
Petersburg Savings and Insurance Company...
American National Bank... Savings Bank of Richmond.... Richmond Trust and Safe De-

post Company.
Virginia Trust Company.
Southern Trust Company.
Metropolitan Bank.
Virginia Fire and Marino In-Richmond (Perpetual Building,

Richmond Perpetunt Bullding,
Loan and Trust Company...
Granite Building Company...
Virginia Building Company...
Ge r man-American Banking
and Building Company...
People's Building Loan and
Trust Company...
Richmond, Fredericksburg and
Patennag R. R. C. D. common.

tichmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac R. R. Co., dividence

Virginia-Carolina Chemica Co. preferred stock....... Oid Dominion Steamship Co.

Total disbursements...... \$3,451,678 BROWNLOW'S COUP.

Will be Nominated by a Mid-Winter Primary.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
BRISTOL, TENN., Doc. 31.—ReprosentativeWalter P. Brownlow, of the First Tennesseo District, who is recognized as the Southern Republican leader in Jon. has just perfected plans for a mid-winter primary election, by which he hopes to be nominated before the opposition has time to perfect an organization.

The Republican District Committee, which is strictly a Prownlow organiza-tion, to-day fixed Saturday, February, etc. as the day for the nominating pri-mary.

maiy.

This will be news to the opposition, although it is in keeping with the precedent set by Brownlow when he was first nominated years ago.

# CHRISTMAS AT THE GROVE AVENUE CHURCH

The annual Christmas entertainment of the Grove Avenue Baptist Studday school will take place this afternoon at 4:50 octock at the church. A delightful programme will be rendered by the scholars of the school, and each one of them will receive a present.

Advancement of Schools.

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(By Associated Press.)

ATLANTA, GA., Dec. 31.—Matters pertaining to the advancement of schools throughout the South were discussed at to-day's session of the Southern Educational Association.

President Charles D. Melver, of the North Carolina Industrial College, \*poke on "Local Taxation." The subject of school attendance was discussed by J. II. Phillips, of Birmingham, Ala.

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\$12.50 Natural \$30 Coats \$2.50 \$15.00 Mink Muffs..... reduced to..... \$40 Coats \$20.00 reduced to ..... \$50 Coats reduced to......\$25.00 \$10 Brown Martin \$6.48 \$15 Persian Lamb \$5.00 \$5 Coats | \$2.50 White Ermene Scarfs \$7.50 reduced \$5.00 and ... \$8 50 Coats \$3.50 reduced to ...... \$30 Seal Coats \$20.00 \$12.50 Coats \$5.00

\$15 Rain \$12.50 Coats \$20 Rain \$15.00 \$20.00 \$20.00 Misses' Couts marked at less than One-Half Price.